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R 161524Z SEP 76  
FM AMEMBASSY PARIS  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5022  
INFO AMEMBASSY MOSCOW  
AMEMBASSY BELGRADE  
AMEMBASSY BUDAPEST  
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AMEMBASSY WARSAW  
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SUBJECT: QUAI DENIES "VISA WAR" BETWEEN FRANCE AND USSR

1. QUAI SPOKESMAN HAS PROMPTLY DENIED EXTENSIVE FRENCH PRESS STORIES THAT SOVIETS HAVE BEEN DRAGGING HEELS ON FOUR SENIOR DIPLOMATIC VISAS FOR FRENCH EMBASSY IN MOSCOW.

2. ISSUE REPORTEDLY INVOLVES THREE SENIOR COUNSELORS AND A MILITARY ATTACHE. ACCORDING TO AMALRIC IN LE MONDE, SOVIETS RETALIATING FOR EARLIER FRENCH FAILURE ACCREDIT TWO SOVIET "DIPLOMATS" WHO HAD BEEN EXPELLED BY UK IN 1970. AMALRIC SAYS AFFAIR IS NOT LIKELY TO REKINDLE LAGGING WARMTH OF FRENCH-SOVIET RELATIONS. CHANGE IN  
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FRENCH GOVERNMENT HAS NOT REASSURED SOVIET PRESS. UNDER

THESE CONDITIONS, LE MONDE CONCLUDES, BREZHNEV VISIT TO FRANCE THIS YEAR NO LONGER EVEN BEING DISCUSSED.

3. QUAJ PROMPTLY ISSUED STATEMENT DENYING THAT THERE WAS A "VISA WAR." ACCORDING TO QUAJ, ONLY TWO REQUESTS FOR FRENCH DIPLOMATIC VISAS ARE STILL OUTSTANDING AND SOVIET REQUESTS ARE UP TO DATE. QUAJ ADDS THAT NO SOVIET REQUESTS HAD BEEN REJECTED.

4. COMMENT: WE WOULD WELCOME EMBASSY MOSCOW'S IMPRESSIONS OF SITUATION AT FRENCH EMBASSY BEFORE TOUCHING ON CLEARLY NEURALGIC POINT AT QUAJ.  
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